

HONORING RICHARD LONG

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Richard Long as he retires after 46 years of dedicated and extraordinary service to the United Automobile Workers. For the past nine years Richard has served as the National Community Action Program Director for the United Automobile Workers.

In 1963, Dick Long began working at the former Pontiac Motor Division and joined UAW Local 653. This began his life's work promoting better working conditions, not just for the men and women he saw daily on the shop floor, but for all workers. He began his service with the UAW as an alternate committeeman and quickly progressed into the UAW's top leadership tier. He became the chair of Sub Council 7, the largest sub council in the UAW during this time and in 1987 Dick was elected Vice President of Local 653 by his peers. A year later he was elected President. As the Chairman of the United Auto Workers/General Motors contract negotiations in 1993, Dick helped craft an agreement advantageous to both workers and the company. Stephen Yokich, then UAW President, tapped Dick to be his Administrative Assistant in 1998 and in 2000 Dick became the National Community Action Program Director.

As a national leader Dick was able to break down barriers for workers, and enhance their quality of life. I have known and worked with Dick for many years and have a deep appreciation for his wisdom and perseverance. His work exemplifies the ideals that the UAW has championed since its inception.

Dick's vision of a better life for UAW members and their families prompted him to work promoting education, teamwork, and social justice. He is active with many community organizations and the Democratic Party. In addition to his work, Dick and his wife Jackie have three children and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great honor to recognize the accomplishments of Richard Long. He is a man of honor, intellect, and remarkable compassion. The members of the UAW and workers everywhere owe him a debt of gratitude for his foresight, commitment and actions. Because of Richard Long there is a greater respect between management and labor, better working conditions for members of the UAW, and better opportunities for their families. I consider him a dear friend and would like to thank him for a lifetime of hard work. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding Richard Long and wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

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HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an innovative global business headquartered in Washington State

named the best company in the world this year by Business Week magazine, Nintendo.

A company that employs many of my constituents, Nintendo is an electronics maker behind some of the most innovative and breathtaking technological advancements in the world over the past century, and is thriving in a less-than-adequate economic climate while positioning itself to surpass more challenges in the future. Over the past five years, Nintendo's sales have risen by more than 35 percent annually while its overall value averaged 38 percent growth.

Rather than shrinking and simply trying to weather the economic storm it is facing, Nintendo has expanded and used its unique brand of innovation to stay at the top of its game and produce "must-haves" such as the Wii console, and we all enjoy the Wii.

Like other global companies reliant on its own unique brand of innovation, Nintendo has invested huge sums of capital into its people and commanded a large share of the market. Nintendo is performing at a higher level than any other company in the world in 2009. I am honored to have worked with Nintendo in the past and plan to do the same moving forward. Technological innovation will continue to move this Nation and this world forward and I thank Nintendo for being a visionary leader in that innovation.

HONORING REVEREND DR. JOHNNY TILLER FOR SEVENTY YEARS OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. Johnny Tiller, who celebrated his 70th anniversary of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ on September 10, 2009. Reverend Tiller has dedicated his life to this work, and has pledged that he will continue to do so until God calls him home to heaven.

Reverend Tiller has spent his life preaching and ministering to the needs of those in western North Carolina. At the young age of 12, Reverend Tiller preached his first sermon at a cottage prayer meeting. In November of 1944, at only 18 years of age, Reverend Tiller became the first full-time pastor of Starnes Cove Baptist Church, in Asheville, North Carolina.

In November of 1993, after serving as a full-time pastor of four different churches over 49 years, Reverend Tiller retired from full-time ministry. Since retirement, he has served as interim pastor for six different churches and currently serves at Sunrise Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina. He also has taught New Testament courses at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute for the past 16 years. Reverend Tiller has preached on many radio stations, and has held numerous revivals and Bible study courses across the United States and around the world.

Madam Speaker, Reverend Dr. Johnny Tiller has done an exemplary service for the people of western North Carolina and throughout the world during his 70 years of ministry. His dedication and honorable commitment to serv-

ing God is truly a source of pride to western North Carolina. I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring Reverend Tiller for his contributions to spreading God's word.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES REGARDING ATTACK ON UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD PROGRAM OFFICE IN ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I extend my strong support to H. Res. 823, which expresses condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of those killed and injured in the recent attack on the United Nations World Food Program office in Islamabad, Pakistan, and support for the World Food Program's mission to bring emergency food aid to the most vulnerable people of Pakistan and around the world.

On October 5, 2009, a suicide bomber attacked the World Food Program office in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing five employees, Botan Ahmed Ali Al-Hayawi, Farzana Barkat, Abid Rehman, Gulrukh Tahir, and Mohamed Wahab. But more than killing these five individuals, the tragedy has affected the ability of this very important organization to meet Pakistan's most pressing humanitarian needs.

The United Nations World Food Program was established in 1962 and works to provide men, women and children with access to the food needed for an active and healthy life. In 2008, the World Food Program fed 102 million hungry and poor people in 78 countries. In Pakistan, the World Food Program provides assistance to 10 million people at any given time, including 2 million Pakistanis displaced by fighting in the Swat Valley region earlier this year.

As the international community grieves over the loss of five staff members who selflessly gave themselves to their fellow men and women, let us recognize the critical work of the United Nations World Food Program. More than 84.7 percent of Pakistanis live on less than US \$2 per day, and I daresay that Pakistan cannot afford to go on without the work and aid delivered by this organization.

I extend my sincerest condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues whose loved ones were lost in the recent attack on the World Food Program office in Islamabad. Moreover, I reaffirm my support for the mission of the World Food Program, its leadership and staff of over 10,000 dedicated men and women.

Lastly, I hope that this event reminds my colleagues in Congress, the American people and citizens of the world, that as human beings, it is in our personal interest to ensure that no one on this earth goes hungry for want of food. Let us rise up in solidarity with the people of the United Nations World Food Program and ensure that the recent attack does not diminish, but strengthens, our resolve to advance anti-hunger efforts in Pakistan and defeat poverty around the world.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2892,
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SE-
CURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to oppose this Republican Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, H.R. 2010.

This Republican motion is nothing more than a political stunt that would delay Congressional action on this important bill that funds the Department of Homeland Security. This agency's ability to operate is crucial in keeping our borders and waters safe, preventing terrorism, and responding to natural disasters.

Furthermore, this is another example of a Republican proposal that blatantly disregards the Constitution. If enacted, it would undermine the principles of due process and a fair trial, both of which are American ideals we hold dear.

For these reasons, I urge a "no" vote.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Southwest Florida

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2010

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$1,313,000; This project would provide for maintenance dredging in four areas of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GICW). The areas in need of maintenance dredging include the mouth of Caloosahatchee River (Miserable Mile in Lee County) and the Boca Grande Bayou area (Miller's Marina in Lee County) of the GICW.

Project Name: Naples to Big Marco Pass

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2010

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$722,000; The Naples to Big Marco Pass, also known as the Gordon River Pass in Collier County, supports the commercial fishing, stone crab harvesting, sport fishing and tourism industries. The Pass also supports the County's marinas and is used by residential boaters. Typically, the Pass is dredged every four or five years. It was last dredged in 2002 and needs to be dredged this year because shoaling diminishes the water depth in the channel.

Project Name: Lee County, FL (Reimbursement)

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2010

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$645,000; There are three sections to the Lee County shore protection project (Captiva, Gasparilla, and Estero Islands) which were authorized as federal shore protection projects. Lee County advanced the Gasparilla section, which was completed in the Spring of 2007. The funding will allow for the reimbursement of the federal share to the County for the Gasparilla beach re-nourishment project.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I regret that a death in my family delayed my return to Washington this week. I was, therefore, unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes on Tuesday, October 20, and Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

Had I been present on Tuesday, October 20, I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 558, supporting the increased understanding of, and interest in, computer science and computing careers among the public and in schools, and to ensure an ample and diverse future technology workforce through the designation of National Computer Science Education Week; "yes" on H.R. 3319, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Gullwing Street in Portola, California, as the "Army Specialist Jeremiah Paul McCleery Post Office Building"; and "yes" on H.R. 3763, amending the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for an exclusion from Red Flag Guidelines for certain businesses.

Had I been present on Wednesday, October 21, I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 811, expressing support for designation of October 2009 as "National Principals Month." No school can be great without a great principal, and my district is fortunate to have an outstanding group of principals. High-quality school leadership is critical to supporting America's next generation of leaders and innovators.

I also would have also voted "yes" on S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment

Extension Act of 2009; "yes" on H. Res. 837, recognizing Kentucky Wesleyan College for its service as an institution of higher education for over 150 years; "yes" on H. Res. 660, recognizing the distinguished history of the Laurinburg Normal Industrial Institute; and "yes" on S. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, on October 20 and 21, 2009, I was unable to be present for all rollcall votes due to an unexpected delay. If present, I would have voted accordingly on the following rollcall votes: roll No. 790—"yea"; roll No. 791—"yea"; roll No. 792—"yea"; roll No. 793—"yea"; roll No. 794—"yea"; roll No. 795—"yea"; roll No. 796—"yea" and roll No. 797—"yea."

HONORING DONALD D. LAUB

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a man whose life and pursuits have exemplified the spirit of fortitude and the virtues of family demonstrated by so many of those who work to provide food and fiber to our great nation. Many factors have contributed to California's bountiful agriculture industry and the economic well-being of the State of California, but one underlying factor in California's agricultural success has been the fortitude of those such as Donald D. Laub. A long-time Fresno county agricultural leader and Easton-area grape grower, Donald passed away on Oct. 20, 2009.

Born on July 22, 1933, in Fresno, Don Laub was involved in farming for the majority of his 76 years. At the tender age of 9-years-old, Don was called upon to assist his mother Anna and twin brother Ronald in keeping the family farm going when his father Henry died in 1943. These early years of working the farm would set the foundation for Don's entire agricultural career.

In 1954, Don married Clara Fogal. The Laubs soon expanded the family farm to the Easton area of Fresno County with the purchase of prime vineyard land. Under Don's direction, Laub Ranches quickly became known for producing premium table grapes, raisins and wine grapes. As part of J&L Vineyards, Don was one of the first to embrace and actively use integrated pest management and trellis designs for table grapes. Four generations have now engaged in the family business. His grandson, Ryan Jacobsen, is executive director of the Fresno County Farm Bureau, and his mother, Debbie Jacobsen, Mr. Laub's daughter, became the first female president of the Fresno-area chapter in 2002. Through Don's example, they have endured many challenges, but all with the tenacity of a